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The Food and Drug Administration
Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. I-23
12420 Parklawn Dr.
Rockville, MD 20857

Re: **99P-1340/CP 1**
Petition to Have "Eternity eau de parfum" Misbranded

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de parfum" declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it careful attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21 CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21 CFR Sec. 740.10 specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel: "Warning--The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no -warning label on its packaging. We all have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in products such as Eternity so that we can protect ourselves and our families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most people are not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited safety testing. They wrongfully assume these products are safe to use in any setting and are surprised when people

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complain.

Like tobacco smoke, the harmful chemicals currently used in these products may effect the health of many people, including: people with asthma, chemical sensitivities, chronic fatigue, and other environmental illnesses.

Children are particularly vulnerable to toxic chemicals found in products purchased and used by their parents, care givers and teachers.

When I am exposed to fragrance products, such as "Eternity," I experience severe fatigue, nausea and the taste and odor of chemicals in my nose and mouth. The chemical odor permeates my hair, and coats my skin and eyes, making my eyes burn. It also permeates my clothing. When I am exposed to such chemicals, I must immediately 'go home and remove my clothing, bathe and wash my hair. It is not so easy to remove the taste and odor of the chemicals coating the mucous membranes in my throat and mouth. As I cannot always go home immediately, I sometimes have to suffer the consequences of these chemicals for hours before I can bathe, wash my hair and change my clothes. Even wearing a carbon-lined face mask, which I always do in public, is not sufficient to protect me from the harmful effects of these chemicals. Needless to say, it makes it very difficult for me to do simple things like go to the grocery store, bank or post office, or ride public transportation, take classes, work, go to a movie or restaurant etc.

Please act on behalf of the millions of people **who have** suffered physical illness and injury resulting from fragrance exposure at work, at school and in social settings. These toxic chemicals act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. Because of this, toxic chemicals in fragrances have already ruined countless lives.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maire Farrington", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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